

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
**(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL,**  
**DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION, OR CIP)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is of the following type: (check one applicable item below)

- original
- design
- supplemental

*NOTE: If the declaration is for an International Application being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application do not check next item; check appropriate one of last three items.*

- national stage of PCT

*NOTE: If one of the following 3 items apply then complete and also attach ADDED PAGES FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CIP.*

- divisional
- continuation
- continuation-in-part (CIP)

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

*WARNING: If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.*

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION**

**SEGMENTAL RETAINING WALL SYSTEM**

**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

- (a)  is attached hereto.
- (b)  was filed on [DATE] as Serial No. \_\_\_\_; or  
 was filed on [date], under Express Mail No. \_\_\_\_ as Serial No. not yet known, and  
was amended on \_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

*NOTE: Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO which contain new matter are not accorded a filing date by being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 CFR 1.67.*

- (c)  was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_; filed on \_\_\_\_ and as amended Under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_ (if any).

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information

- which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;  
(also check the following items, if desired)
- and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent; and
- In compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

### PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. § 119)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

(complete (d) or (e))

- (d)  no such applications have been filed
- (e)  such applications have been filed as follows

*NOTE: Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.*

### A. PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119

Country (or Indicate if PCT)	Application Number	Date of Filing (day/month/year)	Priority Claimed Under Section 37 USC 119
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** *If the application filed more than 12 months from the filing date of this application is a PCT filing forming the basis for this application entering the United States as (1) the national stage, or (2) a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part, then also complete ADDED PAGES TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CIP APPLICATION for benefit of the prior U.S. or PCT application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 120.*

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (List name and registration number)

Scott A. Horstemeyer, #34,183  
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(check the following item, if applicable)

Attached as part of this declaration and power of attorney is the authorization of the above-named attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

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**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

## SIGNATURE(S)

NOTE: Carefully indicate the family (or last) name as it should appear on the filing receipt and all other documents.

Full name of sole or first inventor

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Inventor's signature

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CHECK PROPER BOX(ES) FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ADDED PAGE(S)  
WHICH FORM A PART OF THIS DECLARATION

Signature for subsequent joint inventors. Number of pages added  
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Signature by administrator(trix), executor(trix) or legal representative for deceased or  
incapacitated inventor. Number of pages added  
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Signature for inventor who refuses to sign or cannot be reached by person authorized  
under 37 CFR 1.47. Number of pages added  
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Added pages to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional,  
continuation, or continuation-in-part (CIP) application.

Number of pages added 2

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Authorization of attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from representative.

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If no further pages form a part of this Declaration then end this Declaration with  
this page and check the following item

This declaration ends with this page

Attorney's Docket No. 51810-1050

**ADDED PAGES TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CIP APPLICATION**

*(complete this part only if this is a divisional, continuation or CIP application)*

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S) UNDER  
35 U.S.C. 120**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international applications(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S. FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 USC 120:				
U.S. APPLICATIONS		STATUS (Check One)		
U.S. APPLICATIONS	U.S. FILING DATE	Patented	Pending	Abandoned
1. 09/049,627	March 27, 1998		X	
2.				
3.				
PCT APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S.				
PCT Application No.	PCT Filing Date	U.S. Serial Nos. Assigned (if any)		
1.				
2.				
3.				

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**35 U.S.C. 119 PRIORITY CLAIM, IF ANY, FOR ABOVE LISTED  
U.S./PCT APPLICATIONS**

ABOVE APPLICATION NO.	DETAILS OF FOREIGN APPLICATION FROM WHICH PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119		
	Country Application No.	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Date of issue (day, month, year)
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PATENT

Attorney's Docket No. 51810-1040

Applicant or Patentee: Thomas L. Rainey

Serial or Patent No.: Not Yet Assigned

Filed or Issued: Herewith

For: **RETAINING WALL ANCHORING SYSTEM**

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b))—INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled

**RETAINING WALL ANCHORING SYSTEM**

described in

- the specification filed herewith.
- application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- patent no. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

- no such person, concern, or organization
- persons, concerns, or organizations listed below\*

\*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities (37 CFR 1.27).

FULL NAME: N/A

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL

SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

FULL NAME: N/A

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL

SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

FULL NAME: N/A

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL

SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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